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DEWEY DEWAYNE BARRETT	§	IN THE COURT OF FILED
Petitioner	§	COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
	§	12/2/2019 DEANA WILLIAMSON, CLERK
VS.	§	CRIMINAL APPEALS
	§	
THE STATE OF TEXAS,	§	
Respondent	§	AUSTIN, TEXAS

PETITIONER'S FIRST MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE BRIEF TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

Now comes Austin Reeve Jackson, counsel for Petitioner in the above entitled and numbered cause, and makes this Motion, and for good cause shows the following:

<u>I.</u>

It is counsel's understanding that the Court has today been informed that counsel was appointed by the trial court to represent petitioner in this matter. Petitioner is requesting an extension of time to file his brief in this matter and no prior extensions have been requested.

II.

Counsel was appointed on this case after the Court granted a *pro se* PDR and did not represent Petitioner in either the trial or intermediate appellate courts. Therefore, he has no prior knowledge of the facts of this case, questions raised on PDR, or the law at issue.

Further, while working on this case counsel has also been working on approximately 40 open appellate cases in this and other courts to which he has been appointed by Smith County district courts. This has included investigating motions for

new trials (looking for and talking with potential witnesses, jail and office visits with new

appellate appointments, trial court appearances for the same), requests for and reviews of

reporter's and clerk's records, research, briefing, review of opinions, investigation of

potential PDR issues, etc. While not all of these cases have required significant attention

from counsel during this time, many of them have which has resulted in counsel having

been unable to devote the full attention necessary to this case prior to today's date.

III.

No prior extensions have been requested and it is respectfully prayed that the in

the interest of justice, the Court grant this motion.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, undersigned counsel respectfully

prays that, in accordance with the applicable law, the Court grant this Motion and extend

the date by which to file a brief by thirty days.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document

was served on counsel for the State by facsimile concurrently with its filing.

/s/Austin Reeve Jackson